

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 9, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Mountain Lakes Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: TWO

LOCATION(S): Billings—Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

WORK START/END DATES: Approx. June 15, 2015 to August 30, 2015 Can be flexible.

HOURS/WEEK: 40 hours per week, 480 hours total internship

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: June, 2015 (upon hire)

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC.):

\$10.50/hr for 12 weeks, or a combination of wages and credit

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries fieldworker in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness. Typical work week will be 4-days of backpacking into the A-B Wilderness to sample fisheries. Personnel will utilize gill nets and angling equipment to collect fish weights, lengths and aging structures. Will necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess potential spawning habitat and provide information regarding access and camping. Interns may also assist with other regional fisheries projects.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university, preferably around the Billings area. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in majors such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. **MUST BE ABLE TO HIKE AN AVERAGE OF 9 MILES PER DAY WITH A 60+ POUND BACKPACK.** Knowledge of camping and backpacking would be a plus, as would the ability to read and interpret topographical maps.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): Recent transcripts, letter of application (include the following in the letter: why you would like this position and how it relates to your goals, number of days spent and location of backpacking trips the past 2 years), two letters of reference and a brief resume. Please send to contact person listed above via email or postal service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project, or independent study. It is also suitable for teachers pursuing college credit for re-certification, although they must arrange for the credits themselves.